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Mr. Harry G. Edmonds, P.E.
Industrial Waste Manager
City of Portland
Bureau of Environmental Services
1120 S. W. 5th Ave.
Portland, OR 97204-1972

Re: Notice of Violation dated March 4, 1985

Dear Mr. Edmonds:

Since the time of your notice of violation, we have done considerable research to discover the source of our problem. Molly Heaney and Jim McCadden of your office visited our facility on March 13 to review what we have discovered.

We are at a loss to isolate any activity that would contribute to low pH material being introduced into the sewer system. The steps we currently take to treat our effluent should in fact create an alkaline pH in the range of 7 to 10.

In our research we discovered some pipes that lead to our main sewer line needed replacing. We are in the process of replacing them.

We have installed a recording pH meter in our main line to monitor our effluent on a continuous basis.

By March 30, we will have installed a valve in the central sanitary sewer line to enable us to stop flow to the city line should we experience further problems. This alters your requirement as stated in your letter of March 4, but was confirmed as acceptable per Jim McCadden.

Procedures will be posted in conspicuous places to familiarize our personnel with proper steps to take when an emergency arises.

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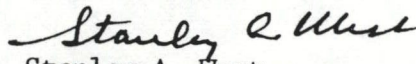
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We will be replacing our sewer pipe from the first manhole to the sampling manhole. We will notify your office when we begin this action per Jim McCadden's request.

If you require further information please contact Jack Johnston or myself - at 222-1721.

Sincerely,

VAN WATERS & ROGERS


Stanley A. West
Area Operations Manager

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